

## **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

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Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

March 21, 2013, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

West Basin's Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility

1935 S. Hughes Way

El Segundo, CA 90245

### *Attendance:*

Jeff Duclos (for Mike Gin)

Micheál O'Leary

Dana Murray (for Sarah Sikich)

Ron Smith

Jennifer Zivcovic

Absent:

Liz Crosson

Fran Diamond

### *Staff Present:*

Tom Ford, Shelley Luce, Scott Valor,

Guangyu Wang

Guests: None

*Note: Agenda Items are listed in the order in which they were taken up. Called to order at 1:11 p.m.*

Micheál O'Leary chaired the meeting

### *Agenda Item 1. Public Comment*

None

### *Agenda Item 2. Informational Items*

- a. Consideration of Approval of January 31, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Approved without objection (M: Duclos, S: Smith)

- b. Order of Agenda

Unchanged

- c. Reports from the Executive Director and Staff

Shelley Luce updated the EC on her DC visit where she met with our primary Congressmembers and Senators. She informed them about our ongoing programs as well as budget issues. As chair of ANEP, she also met with Appropriations Committee staff members. Luce also met with USEPA HQ staff.

Luce updated the EC on other ANEP issues including reviews of programs by EPA.

Luce noted that the Malibu Lagoon restoration is almost complete. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. She also noted Heal The Bay's State of the Watershed report for the region. It is posted on the HTB website.

Luce said that our Urban Wetlands Symposium is next Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.. The topic is climate change.

*Agenda Item 3. Executive Committee Business*

- a. Establish Governing Board Agenda for April

Workshop: Presentation & Review of WAC Recommendations

Luce noted that staff has summarized the Watershed Advisory Council recommendations and matched them with the Bay Restoration Plan goals and milestones. Luce summarized the document and commented on the recommendations.

Chair O'Leary asked for an acronym glossary for new board members.

The item was placed on the agenda without objection.

Presentation & Review of Draft Bay Restoration Plan Update

This discussion was incorporated above.

Discussion re: Veteran's Park Trash Issue

Shelley asked the EC if it would like to discuss this at the GB level. She suggested that Beaches & Harbors take the lead on this item as B&H was the local lead on the related beach replenishment issue and responded specifically to the staff report with additional information. O'Leary suggested that communication going forward be improved as there appears have been an information gap. Murray noted that the sediment was indeed tested for toxicity. O'Leary stated that it should be ensured that city council members get the information at their level so as to be able to respond to constituents.

Luce suggested that prior to a presentation, a discussion with B&H and other participating entities be had. Luce suggested that if public members want to give input, they provide a two-page report regarding what they have observed. Dana Murray volunteered to do outreach.

Ballona Rain Gardens Prop 50 Funding

Luce stated that one of the rain garden projects needs to be enhanced for greater infiltration capacity. She noted that ARRA funding was previously used, but additional funding for a larger volume project is necessary, particularly to handle more intense rain storms. ARRA funding is no longer available. Once the TAC reviews the plan it can be agendized for the Governing Board.

All items above were approved for the Governing Board agenda without objection.

- b. Member Comments and Announcements Regarding Matters not on the Agenda

Jeff Duclos noted that certain public members seem to have characterized a Ballona project in a way inconsistent with the facts as presented. They are taking the information to particular local groups. EC members suggested that staff draft a general letter explaining the facts and widely distribute it.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m. without objection.